NURS 3333.001
NURSING RESEARCH
SYLLABUS
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NURS 3333: Nursing Research

Semester hours: Three (3) hours didactic per week

Course description: This course introduces evidence-based practice as it relates to the science of nursing. Findings of selected research studies are appraised and presented. Ethical considerations and methods of protection of human subjects are integrated throughout the course.

Course objectives/student learning outcomes: Upon successful completion of the course, students will have demonstrated the ability to:
1. Integrate information from the arts and sciences to support evidence-based practice across the professional nursing career.
2. Discuss the role of evidence-based practice in organizational and systems leadership to support quality patient care.
3. Apply principles of evidence-based practice with diverse populations across the lifespan.
4. Use information technology to retrieve hierarchical levels of evidence that addresses clinical questions.
5. Make clinical decisions based on appraisal of the evidence, patient preferences and clinical expertise.
6. Apply principles of evidence-based practice with diverse populations across the lifespan.
7. Discuss the legal and ethical ramifications of research with human subjects.

Required texts and materials

Course Information and Policies

Examinations/Assignments and Grading Policy: Completion of NURS 3333 is based on satisfactory attainment of all course criteria. Any student failing to meet the course objectives and expectations must repeat the course and may not progress to the next level.

A. Grading Policy: Weighted calculation of all course evaluation requirements must be 75 or above to pass the course. Grades will not be rounded when calculating the average (74.5-74.9 is not rounded to 75). The values for course grades are calculated on the following:

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Letter grades will be assigned on the following scale:*  
A  90-100  
B  80-89  
C  75-79  
D  60-74  
F  Below 60

B. Paper/Assignment Re-grading Policy: Student assignments will not be re-graded. At the instructor’s discretion, a draft may be written for review. The faculty may require student to re-submit a paper if the student’s original article is not a research article. Ten (10) points will be subtracted from the paper grade if the student has to resubmit an article and/or paper.

C. Examination and Examination Review Policy  
1. There are four exams to be taken on Blackboard throughout the semester. The exams will be posted as per the course schedule.  
2. Instructions that include time limits will be posted with each exam. Should you exceed the time limit, you will lose two (2) points for each additional minute that exceeds the time limit as posted in the instructions.  
3. Exams will be available for one week as posted in the course calendar. When you are ready to take the exam, you will need to find a quiet place with reliable Internet access where you will not be interrupted for the time specified for the exam. You are to take the exam alone but may use your books and/or notes. While you are allowed to use these outside resources, you will still need to be academically prepared to take the exam. You will find the time limit specified will not be enough if you are unfamiliar with the content.  
4. All exams in this course are online and are scheduled to be completed by a designated date and time. Students are strongly advised to take the exams at least 2-3 days prior to the deadline to avoid penalties that may occur due to technological problems. Students who do not complete the exam on time will receive 50% credit of the grade earned, with a loss of 5 additional points per day after the first day.  
5. Should you have a reason to miss the exam or should you experience technological difficulties while taking the exam, it is your responsibility to contact your assigned campus faculty before the expiration date & time.  
6. Make-up exams will only be given at the discretion of the faculty member and may be in a different format than the original exam.  
7. Exam reviews will be conducted at the discretion of the faculty. Exam review may be scheduled with the faculty during office hours and within 2 weeks from the due date of the exam. Any student achieving an exam grade less than 75% should schedule a Test Review appointment with the faculty within 2 weeks from the exam due date as outlined in the class schedule.  
8. Do NOT copy, photograph, or print exams.

D. Academic Integrity  
1. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense. Please avoid the consequences of academic dishonesty by citing all sources that you use in your work. Academic dishonesty, such as unauthorized collusion, plagiarism and cheating, as outlined in the Handbook of Operating Procedures, University of Texas at Tyler, will not be tolerated. University
regulations require the instructor to report all suspected cases of academic dishonesty to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. In the event disciplinary measures are imposed on the student, it becomes part of the students' official school records. Also, please note that the handbook obligates you, the student, to report all observed cases of academic dishonesty to the instructor.

2. The College of Nursing ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY: Students are expected to assume full responsibility for the content and integrity of all academic work submitted as homework, examinations, papers, etc. The nursing program at U.T. Tyler seeks to create a climate that encourages its members to act as responsible adults in an academic community. Generally, institutional disciplinary measures are invoked only in response to conduct that adversely affects the University’s pursuit of its educational mission and objectives. Penalties may range from a warning to probation, suspension or expulsion from the University. Behaviors that could subject a student to disciplinary action include all forms of academic dishonesty. Refer to the CON Guide for Baccalaureate Students for specific statements related to plagiarism, etc.

Student Dress Code for the University of Texas, College of Nursing

A. General: It is the philosophy of the College of Nursing that the student has a responsibility to be neatly groomed and modestly dressed. Appearances should promote good health, safety and general well-being of the student. Clothing should avoid brevity and/or design that are offensive to the dignity and rights of others. School officials have the right and responsibility to counsel with the student or take any other corrective action. Types of clothing (other than those specified in this document) may be worn at the direction of the nursing instructor for special events.

B. Classroom: Casual or everyday business wear is recommended. This includes but is not limited to the following: Slacks or skirt; sweater, blouse, and shirt. Jeans as well as conservative shorts (mid-thigh or longer) may be worn, but avoid overly frayed or soiled. Shoes must be worn. See items to be avoided below.

C. Professional Presentations, Ceremonies/ Graduation: Business or dressy day social: suit, dress, dressy separates, jacket, ties, nice fabrics. Dress shoes. Avoid denim, jeans, t-shirt or other casual clothes. For workshops/seminars attended by students, business attire will be worn.

D. Items to be avoided in all School-related Functions (including but not limited to): Overly frayed, worn or soiled garments. Costume look, transparent blouses, bare midriff shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, overtly sexual, gang colors or logos, facial or body piercing, obscene slogans or pictures, bedroom wear, short-shorts, short skirts, or clothing that may be offensive to others.

Course Information

A. General

1. All submitted written material (papers, assignments, examinations, etc.) are the property of the College of Nursing. They will be maintained in an archived file in the College of Nursing.

2. The Guide for Baccalaureate Students is available on the College of Nursing website at: http://www.uttyler.edu/nursing/college/undergraduate/documents/guide-for-baccalaureate-students-fall11-spring12.pdf Students must sign the statement indicating they have accessed the guide and submit the signed Student Guide Affirmation Form in Blackboard.

3. Please Note: All nursing students are required to use their student “Patriot” email accounts for ALL correspondence. Any email from non-patriot domains may be ignored, deleted or filtered as spam. Faculty are not allowed per U.T. policy to respond to personal e-mail accounts. If you have difficulty with your Patriot account you need to contact
itsupport@patriots.uttler.edu or visit Campus Computing Services, BUS 101. This includes emails regarding absences, illnesses, missing exams, late assignments, and/or emergencies.

B. Forms to be completed through the Assignment link on Blackboard the 1st day of class.

1. **Student Affirmation Form**
   a. Each line must be initialed, signed, and dated for each course every semester.
   b. The form will be saved in Blackboard.

2. **Audio/Video-Recording Agreement Form**
   a. Any student wishing to record a class must sign this agreement no later than the second week of classes each semester. An agreement must be signed for each course every semester.
   b. Due to the confidential nature of some course content, the student will provide written documentation of the erasure of any recordings made during the current semester. Failure to return this written documentation to the faculty by the date of the final examination will result in a grade of “I” (Incomplete).

Expectations of Students in NURS 3333

1. Attendance during lecture is a professional expectation. Refer to the University Catalog for the policy regarding student attendance and possible student consequences. It is a professional expectation that students are ready to begin class on time. Tardiness is a distraction and shows lack of respect for peers, faculty and guest speakers when students arrive after class has begun.

2. Please silence cell phones during class time. Laptops are to be used ONLY for class-related activities.

3. Students are expected to have read and prepared for class discussion and interaction about the content according to the objectives.

4. Students are to check the Blackboard Website and Patriot email account daily for announcements and/or assignment changes.

Final Note: This course heavily utilizes Blackboard. The course schedule and all weekly announcements, assignments, instructions for graded work, and exams are available on the course Blackboard site. It is essential that the student logs into the course Blackboard site to access required materials.

Important University Policies

**Students Rights and Responsibilities:** To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www.uttler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php

**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies:** Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.
Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

**State-Mandated Course Drop Policy:** Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

**Disability Services:** In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator. If you are unsure if the above criteria apply to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

**Student Absence due to Religious Observance:** Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

**Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities:** If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

**Social Security and FERPA Statement:** It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer
programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

**Emergency Exits and Evacuation:** Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

**Last Day to Drop Any or All Classes**

**Spring 2015 – March 23, 2015**

Courses may be dropped online through MyUTTyler until 4 p.m. on the last day of online (early) registration. After that time, all drops and/or withdrawals must be completed through the Registrar's Office, either in person, by fax or by mail. Faxed or mailed drop/withdrawal requests must include the students name, student ID number, course(s) to be dropped, date, student’s signature, contact phone number and copy of a photo ID (driver’s license, student ID, etc.). Requests should be mailed to UT Tyler Registrar’s Office, 3900 University Blvd, Tyler, TX 75799 or faxed to (903)565-5705. Students are advised to meet with their instructor(s) and/or academic advisor prior to dropping any classes. Dropping or withdrawing from classes may affect financial aid eligibility, veteran’s benefits, athletic eligibility, or international student status. Students should consult with those departments prior to dropping or withdrawing.

**Note:** Please be sure to notify the instructor and your academic advisor before dropping a course.

**Getting Started:** Please print out a copy of this syllabus and refer back to the information contained herein anytime you have a question regarding the basic course information.

We look forward to working with you this semester. Welcome!